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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Personnel

SUBJECT : Terminating CHALICE Pilots

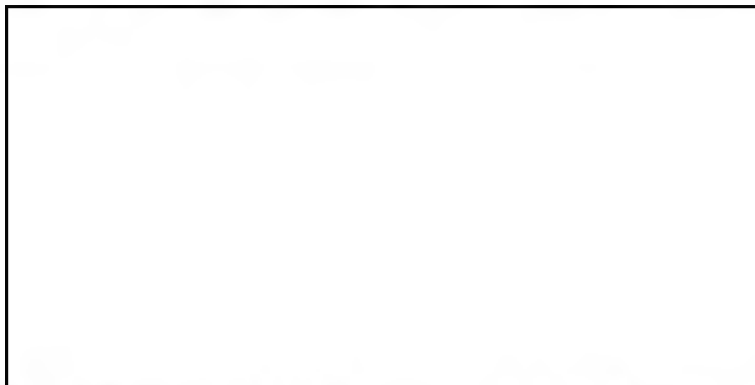
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1. In view of the contraction of the CHALICE program, a reduction in the present pilot complement from [ ] is being accomplished. Further reduction is under consideration.

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2. The identity of the [ ] pilots presently affected and the expiration date of their Agency employment documents (Appointment and Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding) are set forth below:

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3. The above individuals have indicated their desire to return to the Air Force, and we are now engaged in the required "out-processing" for accomplishing their secure reinstatement. In all probability, such "out-processing" will be completed on or prior to the expiration dates indicated above. Despite this, there is no assurance that the individuals will actually be reinstated in the Air Force when their "out-processing" is completed. This is because an obvious reluctance exists (both within the Agency and the Air Force) to have them reinstated during a period of time when there is a coincident possibility that the Soviet Union will publicly implicate them as colleagues of Frank Powers. Best estimates of the likely public arena for such charges is either the United Nations General Assembly (to convene 20 September) or the B-47 pilot trials (the date of which has not publicly been announced.)

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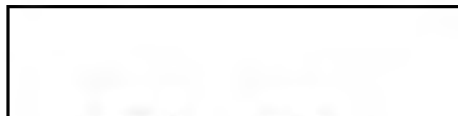
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4. Therefore, if reinstatement is delayed beyond the present expiration date of the employment documents, it is proposed that the employment documents be extended until reinstatement can be accomplished. Payments to the pilots during such additional period would be at the lowest rate provided in the employment documents, ie. \$1000 per month. Your concurrence in this proposal is being requested in this manner because we are dealing with a contingency and not a known fact. It is hoped that the required extension, if any, of the employment documents would be accomplished when the time of reinstatement is known.

5. It is our intention to recontact the Air Force on this matter during the later part of September after the United Nations convenes in order to arrive at a firm date for reinstatement of the pilots involved. If we are unable to make satisfactory arrangements for reinstatement at that time, an alternate course of action will be established.

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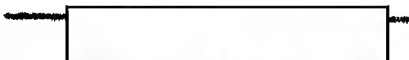


*for* **STANLEY W. BIRNLI**  
Colonel, USAF  
Acting Chief, DFD-DO/P

Concur:

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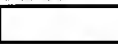


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